

Freedom's Jubilee.

CELEBRATION OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

— OF —

Lincoln's Immortal Proclamation of Emancipation.

GREAT OUTPOURING OF PATRIOTIC NEGROES

At Metropolitan Hall Jan. 1, 1894.

January 1, 1894, will long be remembered by the patriotic freed people of Raleigh and the surrounding country. It was a great day, and the people tendered it a great reception. Nature seemed in full sympathy with the fervor that brightened each countenance and moved each heart.

As the devotees of Islam, at stated periods, turn their faces towards their cherished Mecca, so do the dusky sons of Ham, on the annual recurrence of their natal day, set their faces toward the great Temple of Liberty. Involuntarily they visit again the scenes of other days. They tread the winding way to the old plantation, and live again in the "old quarters" peopled with their ten thousand joys and sorrows. The cotton patch, the cane-brake, the rice-field and the turpentine forest stand out on memory's canvas in all the vividness of their former reality. Old master, old mistress, and the overseer, pass in review. The gory lash, the beying bloodhounds, the merciless patrol, the heartless auctioneer, the separation of parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, come trooping into the memory of the oppressed race as they greet the birth of each New Year. They remember, too, the endearing ties which, despite all the hardships of slavery, were formed in those dark